Rao Bahadur T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Public Health)*:

(*a*) No.

(*b*) & (*c*) No answer is necessary in view of answer to sub-division (*a*).

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May, I know, Sir, how petrol is supplied to the Ministers? What is the arrangement for that?

Rao Bahadur T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Public Health)*: The Petrol Rationing Authority sends sufficient number of coupons to the Confidential Clerks of the Ministers.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Can the House have any idea, Sir, as to the quantity of petrol consumed by the Ministers during these months? I had sent up a separate question on that.

Rao Bahadur T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Public Health)*: I think that question will be answered during this sitting. That depends upon the tour that the Ministers will have to undertake.

LANDS FOR PADDY CULTIVATION

344. മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. കെ. എൽ. കുഞ്ഞുവീത്തു് :

താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്കു് ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട ഗവൺമെണ്ടു് സദയം മറുപടി പറയുമോ.—

(എ) കൊച്ചിരാജ്യത്തു് നെൽകൃഷിക്കു പറ്റിയതും ഇപ്പോൾ കൃഷിചെയ്യാത്തതുമായ ഭൂമികൾ എത്ര ഏക്കറുണ്ടെന്നു കണക്കാക്കിട്ടുണ്ടോ;

(ബി) അത്തരം ഭൂമികൾ ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ നെൽകൃഷി വിപുലീകരണത്തിനു സ്വീകരിച്ചിരിക്കുന്ന നടപടികൾ എന്തെല്ലാമാണു്;

(സി) എത്ര കൊല്ലം കൊണ്ടാണു് ഈ നടപടികൾ പൂർത്തിയാക്കുക?

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. ഏർ. ഇയ്യുണ്ണി :

(എ) ഇല്ല.

(ബി) ആനമല റോഡിന്റെ ചില ഭാഗങ്ങളിൽ കുറെ ഭൂമികൾ നിലമായി തീരിക്കാവുന്നതുണ്ടു്. ആ ഭൂമികൾ സർവ്വെ ചെയ്തതിനുശേഷം വനം വകുപ്പിൽനിന്നു മാറിയും കാടുവെട്ടിയും മറ്റും നിലമായി മാറുന്നതാണു്. അതു ഗവൺമെണ്ടിന്റെ ആലോചനയിൽ ഇരിക്കുന്നു.

(സി) അടുത്തുതന്നെ ഈ പണി ആരംഭിക്കണമെന്നു വെച്ചിരിക്കുന്നു.

VYPEEN-PALLIPURAM ROAD

345. മിസ്റ്റർ എം. കെ. വർഗ്ഗീസ്സു് :

താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്കു മറുപടി പറയുവാൻ ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട ഗവൺമെണ്ടിനു ദയവുണ്ടാകുമോ.—

(എ) എഫ് യു-ൽ വൈപ്പിൻ-പള്ളിപ്പുറം റോഡു് എത്ര മൈൽ പണിതീരും;

(ബി) ഈ റോഡിന്റെ പണി എത്രകൊല്ലം കൊണ്ടു് അവസാനിക്കുമെന്നു് ഉദ്ദേശിക്കുന്നു?

റാവുസാഹിബു് കെ. അയ്യപ്പൻ :

(എ) റോഡു് പണി തീർന്നിട്ടില്ല.

(ബി) എഫ് യു ൪-ൽ കഴിയുമെന്നാണുദ്ദേശിക്കുന്നതു്.

ELECTION DEPARTMENT—DETAILS REGARDING

346. **Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** *(Vadakkancheri)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) when were the Chief Election Officer and his Assistants appointed by the Government;

(*b*) when did these officers begin to draw their pay;

(*c*) have enumerators to prepare the list of voters been appointed thus far;

(*d*) if the answer to (*c*) is in the nagative what is the reason for the delay;

(*e*) when do Government expect to Publish the preliminary electoral roll for the next general election.

(*f*) when do Government hope to be able to conduct the next general election?

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Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu *(Chief Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) The date of the Government order is 17th February 1947 / 5th Kumbham 1122 (G P.L4-35668/20 dated 17th February 1947)

(*b*) A statement showing the dates on which the officers joined duty in the Election Department is appended. (Appendix I.)

(*c*) No. The original proposal was to appoint enumerators to prepare the list of voters, but subsequently it was decided to entrust this work to the teachers in the Sirkar and Aided schools. Applications have been invited from the teachers for this work.

(*d*) Does not arise in view of the answer to (*c*) above.

(*e*) The exact date cannot be given now. The Government and the Election Department would spare no pains to get the work done as early as possible.

(*f*) It is too early to fix the date of the next general election, which falls due next year (1123).

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir, whether the enumerators have been appointed, at least by now ?

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu *(Chief Secretary to Government):* No.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* When do the Government hope, Sir, to be able to appoint enumerators in this behalf ?

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu *(Chief Secretary to Government):* Without much delay, we expect.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Can we have any idea, Sir, of the approximate date from which the enumerators will begin to function ?

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu *(Chief Secretary to Government):* It all depends upon the consent they give. We may select them probably in the course of another fortnight, but how many will consent and who all will not consent and if they don't consent we may have to re-appoint persons—all that depends on the way in which we receive response to our request.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* With reference to sub-division (*c*), Sir, may I know, how many applications have thus far been received ?

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu *(Chief Secretary to Government):* The response is very poor. It is less than 100 or somewhere about that.

Mr.P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir, whether it is not an indication that these teachers will not be available for this onerous work ?

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu *(Chief Secretary to Government):* Yes. We have a proposal to revise the remuneration.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir, whether the revised proposals have been sent down to the teachers or to the Department ?

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu *(Chief Secretary to Government):* Final decision in that matter has not been taken. The last stage has not been reached. The matter is under consideration and as soon as the final decision is taken by the Government, it will be communicated.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir, whether you will be pleased to expedite the consideration ?

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu *(Chief Secretary to Government):* Surely, not a minute will be lost in that. Even though we are sitting here, everything is going on in the briskest possible manner.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir, with reference to sub-division (*f*), whether we are to have the general election at least during the usual time, that is, April 1948.

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu *(Chief Secretary to Government):* That is what the Government also hope.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Will they be able, Sir, to realise that? That is the question.

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu *(Chief Secretary to Government):* Every effort will be made in that direction.

TOUR PROGRAMME OF MINISTERS

347. **Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** *(Vadakkancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what was the tour programme of the Minister for Food and Education and the Minister for Revenue in the latter halfof Medam and the first half of Edavam 1122.

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APPENDIX I

(Please see answer to Question No. 346)

Statement showing dates on which the officers joined duty in the Election Department

	Name	*Date*
1	Mr. V. K. Gopala Menon, Election Officer, Southern Division	26th Meenam 1122 Forenoon
2	Mr. V. C. Ramankutty, Election Officer, Northern Division	8th Medam 1122 ,,
3	Mr. T. I. Jacob, Assistant Election Officer, C. K. Taluk	8th Meenam 1122 ,,
4	Mr. V. Balakrishna Menon, Assistant Election Officer, Cranganur and Mukundapuram Taluks	8th Meenam 1122 ,,
5	Mr. C. K. Rama Ayyar, Assistant Election Officer, Trichur	17th Meenam 1122 Afternoon
6	Mr. M. Narayanan, Assistant Election Officer, Talapalli	14th Meenam 1122 Forenoon
7	Mr. C. R. Sarangapani Sarma, Assistant Election Officer, Chittur	do.

APPENDIX II

(Please see answer to Question No. 347)

Tour Programme of the Minister for Food and Education

1st Medam	..	Returned from New Delhi
1st Edavam	..	Marched to Trichur. Stay at Trichur
2nd ,,	..	Returned to Ernakulam
33rd ,,	..	Accompanied Babu Rajendra Prasad to Chalakkudi Stay at Chalakkudi
4th to 11th Edavam	..	Stay at Trichur
12th Edavam	..	Returned to Ernakulam
12th to 15th Edavam	..	Stay at Ernakulam

Tour Programme of the Minister for Revenue from Medam 15th to Edavam 15th

15— 9—'22 to 19— 9—'22	..	Stay at Trichur
20— 9—'22	..	Trichur to Ernakulam
21— 9—'22	..	Ernakulam to Trichur
22— 9—'22 to 2—10—'22	..	Stay at Trichur
3—10—'22	..	Trichur to Ernakulam and back
4—10—'22 to 13—10—'22	..	Stay at Trichur
14—10—'22	..	Trichur to Ernakulam
15—10—'22	..	Ernakulam

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